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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c) and M.P.E.P § 708.2, Applicants hereby petition to make the above-identified application special so examination can proceed on an accelerated basis.

Attached to this Petition is a copy of the Drivers License of the first-named inventor, that demonstrates that he is over sixty-five (65) years of age. It is understood that constitutes adequate grounds for granting the Petition under M.P.E.P. § 708.02.

Early and favorable consideration of this Petition is requested respectively. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c), no fee is understood to be required for this Petition.

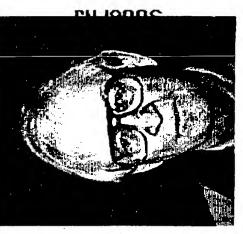
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